

No. 4887 七十三百二千四第 廿六十月八第 年未辛治同 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1871. 六桂禮 號十二月九英 港香 [PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.]

Intimations.

BUREKA VARIETY TROUPE.
Manager..... **W. E. ROGERS.**
 The above **POPULAR TROUPE**, will shortly arrive in Hongkong, per *Hindes*, and offer their tour in India. In addition to those old and tried favorites,
MISS NELLIE L. HOSMER,
MR. JOSEPH SMALL,
 AND
MR. ALFRED SINGER,
 There will be introduced to the Hongkong community two new and talented Artists, viz.,
MISS FANNY WISEMAN
 AND
MR. WILLIE SOUTH.
 Further particulars will be shortly announced.
 1645 Hongkong, 23rd November, 1871.
THE F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"BEHAR,"
 will leave for Singapore and Bombay, (touching at Galle if necessary), on **WEDNESDAY**, the 28th proximo, at 4 p.m.
WATER Seated and

N. Co.'s Office,
g. 30th September, 18

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
"DUNA."
Captain Mann, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, Saturday, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEINER, FRANK & Co.,
1665 Hongkong, 30th September, 1871.

NOTICE.
MESSRS. L. FRICKEL & CO.
TEMPORARY ENTRANCE
(1869) ON THE PRATZ. (Sept. 30)
FOR SAIGON AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamer
"SHAFFESBURY."
will have quick despatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEINER, FRANK & Co.,
1667 Hongkong, 30th September, 1871.
NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, 1869.

OF TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE Fifth Ordinary MEETING of Share-
holders in this Company will be held at
the Head Office, Shanghai, on MONDAY, 2nd
October, at half-past two o'clock p.m., to receive
the Report of the Directors, and Accounts for
the Half-year ending 30th June, 1871.
The Transfer Books remain closed until the
3rd prox.

By order of the Court,
HERBERT S. MORRIS,
Secretary.
11d 1668 Shanghai, 18th September, 1871.

TO ART CONNOISSEURS.

FOR SALE.—Two ENGRAVINGS, (Ar-
tist's Proofs) of the Painting
"THE RAISING OF LAZARUS,"
by GEORGE T. DOO, R.A.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
7d 1668 Hongkong, 30th September, 1871.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

E Lundi 9 Octobre 1871 à 2 heures de re-

ce à Hongkong, proc...

payer les réparations à faire au trois mats Barque Française "ARABIE".

du port de Nantes, de 236 tonneaux, construit en 1838 et armé à Nantes, pour mettre ce navire en état de reprendre la mer.

Le montant du dit emprunt sera garanti par la coque, la quille, les agrès et appareils du dit navire, et par la somme de 20,000 francs, sur la cession des conditions de l'emprunt en la Chancellerie tous les jours de 2 heures à 4 heures. On se réserve le droit de rejeter ou accepter après examen ou motif sérieux, une, plusieurs ou toutes sommations.

Le Chancelier p.
ED. CHASTEL.
Hongkong, le 29 Sept., 1871.

FRENCH CONSULATE, HONGKONG.

ON TUESDAY, October 9th, 1871, at 2 p.m., tenders will be received at the French Consulate, Hongkong, for the loan of a sum of 20,000, to pay for the repairs to three masted French Barque. "ARABIE".

of the port of Nantes, of 236 tons burden, built in 1838, and equipped at Nantes, in order to

out of the said loan,
shall keep rigging and

of the said vessel. Information regarding the conditions of the said loan may be obtained at the Chancery of the Consulate, any day between the hours of 10 and 4. The right is reserved to reject, except, upon examination, for good cause, any or all of the tenders. [1873]

THE Swedish Brig.
"OSCAR."
Agent, Master, will be despatched for the above Port for Freight or Passage, apply to
FREDERIK DEGENAER, Agent.
at 1673 Hongkong 30th September, 1871.

Notices to Consignees.

THE following Bales have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.
"De Mei-kong," from London.
M 22/27 6 Bales Paper.

Hongkong 29th Sept

BRITISH BARQUE PRINCE WAIDEMAR, FROM HAMBURG.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bill of Lading to the Consignee for the unloading, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
 Cargo impeding the vessel's discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.
WM. LOCHES & Co.
 72, 74, 1890 Hongkong, 26th September, 1871.
J. S. SUNDA, FROM SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by this Vessel are hereby informed that unless immediate delivery is taken, the goods will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.
A. MEYER,
Superintendent.
 1629 - Hongkong, 26th September, 1871.
BRITISH SHIP BROCKHAM, FROM LONDON.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bill of Lading to the Consignee for the unloading, and to take immediate delivery of

eding the discharge

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
at 1564 Hongkong, 13th September, 1871.

BOATS.

PORT OF AMOY.

**SHIP OWNERS, AGENTS, AND COM-
MANDERS** are informed that the **DOCK
COMPANY'S** ESTABLISHMENT at the above
Port affords every facility, at moderate charges,
for the repair and fitting of vessels.

REPAIRING AND FITTING VESSELS
AND
CLEANING AND PAINTING IRON
SHIPS AND STEAMERS.

THEIR LARGE GRANITE DOCK.
Has 286 feet length on the blocks, and at
average spring tide can receive Vessels of 10 to
17 feet draft. It has a
CAISSON GATE, AND POWERFUL CRANES FOR
STEAM-TRIP.

And an Engineer's workshop fitted with Lathes
and Tools, driven by steam. Iron and Brass
Foundries, Boiler-makers shop, large Smithy,
and Carpenter's and Joiners' shops. All
superintended by resident Europeans.

Their two smaller GRANITE DOCKS can
receive, at spring tides, vessels drawing 12 feet.

Spars, Timber, and other Dock-yard material
kept in stock.

Quarries for Officers, and a DRY DOCK
or STOREROOM, of Vessels under repair.
At 2317 Amoy, December, 1868.

FOUR DOCK.

RIVER MIN.

THE above granite docket DOCK, of the
following Dimensions, viz. Length 300
feet, Breadth at Bottom 40 feet, is capable of
receiving Vessels drawing 13 to 16 feet, as
the state of the Tides will allow. The Dock runs
dry to the Blocks and is equipped with Steam
Traction Engines, and other large Machinery.

With a 12-inch SLOPE CUTTING
GAP LATH.

DRILLING AND SHARPENING MACHINES,
A LARGE SAWING MACHINE, &c. &c.

STORAGE OF CARGO, &c. &c. A large
Stock of Woods, Metals, &c. &c. always on hand.
The Dock Steam Tug is available at all
times to tow vessels to or from Sea, at cur-
rent rates, on application to

J. S. LAMONT,
Superintendent.

The list of Charges for lighting or rental
of vessels can be obtained from

Messrs. NORMAN, LITTLE & Co., Hongkong,
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai,
or 876

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Two deliveries of the Daily Press from this office
commenced on Friday morning at 8 o'clock, and the last
messenger left the office at 925.

The Daily Press

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1871.

The Customs' Reports for the half year ending
the 30th June, 1871, which have been
issued by the Imperial Maritime Customs,
although not so interesting as the annual
reports, published under the auspices of the
Inspectorate, nevertheless contain many mat-
ters which are worthy of notice. The most
striking feature, as our readers will doubt-
less be already prepared to learn, is the re-
turn which they give concerning the enor-
mous amount of Import manufactures which
have taken place this year. The increase
has been mainly in Grey Goods, but other
staples have also been in excess of previous
years. At Shanghai, we find that the total
of Grey Shirtings for the half year is as
much as 3,610,649 pieces, against only
984,153 for the same period of 1870; while
at Tientsin the Import has been 807,899
pieces, against 660,733 pieces for the corre-
sponding half year of 1870. Tientsin is, of
course, the dependent in its trade mainly on
Shanghai, and the increase of the importa-
tions there does not indicate the actual in-
crease of trade with the port, as it appears
from the statement of Mr. HANSEN, Com-
missioner of Customs at Tientsin, that the
merchants there prefer making their pur-
chases in the Shanghai market. He states
that natives have been repairing to Shang-
hai to buy the identical goods which
the godowns of foreign firms at Tientsin
have been filled, and which have been offered
them at five caudrons less, to a much lower
price than that given in the Shanghai
market for millions of pieces. This anomalous
state of affairs he accounts for by the fact
that nearly all the Tientsin Merchants have
branch houses at Shanghai, through which
facilities for purchase and payment are pro-
vided; and that as the market there has been
glutted, they are able to make large pur-
chases without affecting prices; whereas a few
purchases at Tientsin would at once bear
prices up. No stronger illustration could
possibly be given of the evil results which
have been produced by "overstocking the
market. No wonder Mr. Hansen says that
to the superficial observer the main trade of
Great Britain with China during the past
six months appears as if Cotton Piece-goods
had been forced off at ruinous prices, in order
to secure the possibility of losing an im-
mense sum on Ten in London. This "force
way" of putting the matter may not be very
acceptable, but it certainly does seem un-
accountable that merchants should prefer sell-
ing large quantities of goods at a loss to
smaller quantities at a profit. Is it that
trade with China is conducted on the prin-
ciple on which the Irish draper said he
sold his handkerchiefs—"so cheap that he
lost on every one, but he made it up in
the quantity!" Possibly, however, the
anomaly may be explained by a mixing up
at home of manufacturers' and seller-owners'
interests with the purely mercantile business,
that is to say, that a large quantity of
goods are shipped not because they show a profit
between the prices at home and those in
China, but for the purpose of keeping mills
going, or of filling up vessels. This plan of
action is, however, likely in the long run to
prove detrimental to the interests of the
trade, as a trade, though it may not be al-
together unsatisfactory in an economical
point of view, it is only to be hoped that
there is some hidden gain out of so much
very palpable loss.

It is probable that the state of affairs at
Tientsin will not prove of permanent du-
ration. The cause suggested by Mr. Hansen
is a plausible one; and it is not impossible
that some other reason, such as the levy by
the guilds of heavier local dues on goods
purchased by native traders from foreign
merchants at Tientsin, may perhaps underlie
the anomaly. We have no facts which go to
show this; but suggest the contingency,
as that which has so frequently before
been found after a time to be the ex-
planation of such anomalies at other places.
It is also not impossible that the Chinese
dealers at Tientsin might combine to buy
only from native importers with the object
of keeping the trade in the hands of their
countrymen. Such a course would be quite
in accordance with Chinese trading instinc-
tively. An anomalous state of things of this kind

cannot, however, last for ever even in
China; and, in the long run, if the de-
mand at Tientsin continues, some will be
tempted against all artificial restrictions to
buy on the spot, rather than at a distant
port. Still it would not be at all sur-
prising if it went on for some length of time,
as it is astonishing with what persistency
Chinese traders will contrive to keep up an
artificial state of trade when they conceive it
to be to their interest to do so; and when, as
frequently happens they are encouraged in
such a course by the officials, who do not
wish to see the spread of foreign influence
at too many places. It is, of course, quite
possible that there may not be any element
of this kind in the present case; but it is
still worthy of consideration and perhaps
even of some official investigation. When
JOHN CHINAMAN pays a price a piece more
than necessary for shirtings some very pow-
erful cause must be at work.

We are informed that the Colonial Sec-
retary has written a despatch to the Hon. Mr.
Ryrie, calling upon him to substantiate the
"charge" which he made at the Legislative
Council. A more un diplomatic or a more
unwarrantable course could scarcely be con-
ceived. In the first place, Mr. Ryrie no more
made a charge than does any member of the
House of Commons who asks for information
with regard to matters reported in the news-
papers—an incident of daily occurrence. In
the next place, it would be interesting to know
how it comes that a member of Council asked out
of the room to explain what he did in it.
At home, such a proceeding would be regarded
as a breach of privilege, and would create a
perfect furor. It will be very astounding
if such a thing is this is permissible even in
a Crown Colony. If it is, it is quite clear
that such pressure can be brought to bear
upon the non-official members as to deprive
them of even the little power which they
retain to them. It would really appear that
there is no limit to the high-handed
action of the officials in this place.

LATE TELEGRAM.

SPECIAL TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

SHANGHAI, 29th September, 12.10 P.M.

A serious insurrection has broken out in
Hoonan.

The Pekin Authorities have recognised that
transit passes protect foreign goods from the
payment of duties in the interior, irrespective
of ownership.

The mail steamer *Ennis* has not yet arrived.
The weather has become suddenly cold.

Colonel Norman and the Officers of the 10th
Regiment have kindly consented to permit the
Band to play on the Cricket Ground to-day, at
a quarter to five.

We are informed that several, if not all, of
the Missionary gentlemen in Hongkong, intend
sending a reply to the Hon. Mr. Smith's mem-
orandum on the gambling question.

With reference to the telegram concerning
the P. & O. steamer *Ennis*, it will be noted
from the report of the steamer *Douglas* that
she had put into Amoy through stress of
weather.

The two gentlemen, who brought up to the
Central Station, the four Chinese on Thursday
night at 10.30 p.m., for being without lanterns,
and on remonstrance of their being at the corner
of Hollywood Road for some unlawful purpose,
were yesterday served with summonses by the
same constable who refused to take the charges,
to appear at the Magistrate's Court, to un-
derstand the reasons of their being taken to the
station, and the further steps to be taken by the
Magistrate.

The Memorial of the HONGKONG
COMMUNITY.

The following is the covering letter to the
Colonial Secretary, and his reply thereto:

HONGKONG, 27th September, 1871.
The Honorable Mr. G. J. STANLEY, Colonial Secretary.

SIR,—At a public meeting held in the City
Hall on Monday last, the 25th instant, for the
purpose of taking into consideration the pro-
posals of the Hon. Mr. Stanley, the prevalence
of uneducated crime in the Colony, the recent
action of the non-official members of the Council,
the Colonial Secretary's reply to their depu-
tation, and the Hon. Mr. Stanley's reply to the
deputation, the following resolutions were passed:
That the Memorial to be taken by the resi-
dents in consequence thereof, it was, amongst
other things, unanimously resolved that the
Secretary of State for the Colonies should be
reminded of the subject, and that a committee of
inquiry should be appointed, to inquire into the
causes of the crime, and to report thereon to the
Colonial Secretary. It was further resolved
that the draft of a Memorial to be submitted to
the meeting be approved of and adopted, and
that a committee be appointed to prepare a
Memorial to be presented to the Colonial Sec-
retary, and to forward the same to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies, as approved with
the least possible delay through the proper
channels.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed
a committee of inquiry, to inquire into the
causes of the crime, and to report thereon to the
Colonial Secretary, and to forward the same to
the Secretary of State for the Colonies, we
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